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SUBJECT: POTENTIAL JAPAN/BRAZIL NUCLEAR COOPERATION

1. IDENTICAL STORIES IN JAPANESE PRESS, INDICATING RELIANCE ON GOVERNMENT PRESS RELEASE, REPORT THAT DURING CURRENT VISIT OF BRAZILIAN MINISTER OF MINES AND ENERGY, DR. SHIGEAKI UEKI, TO JAPAN, MITI MINISTER KOMOTO ASKED UEKI ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF JAPAN PROSPECTING FOR URANIUM DEPOSITS IN BRAZIL. UEKI RESPONDED NEGATIVELY, APPARENTLY ON BASIS THAT BRAZIL/FRG NUCLEAR AGREEMENT PRECLUDED JAPANESE EXPLORATION ACTIVITY. HOWEVER, UEKI LEFT DOOR OPEN BY SAYING THAT BRAZIL MIGHT ALLOW JAPAN TO RECEIVE BRAZILIAN URANIUM IF JAPAN COULD PROVIDE NUCLEAR POWER TECHNOLOGY TO "REPLACE THE TECHNOLOGY TO BE PROVIDED BY WEST GERMANY."

2. UEKI/KOMOTO TALKS ARE PART OF WIDE RANGING EFFORTS BY BRAZIL TO ENCOURAGE JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN INDUSTRIAL
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DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, INCLUDING SIX HYDROPOWER STATIONS

AND EXPLORATION OF OIL RESOURCES. BRAZILIAN MINISTER
IS SAID TO BE SEEKING 324 MILLION DOLLARS IN JAPANESE
INVESTMENT FUNDS.

3. COMMENT: EXACT MEANING OF UEKI/KOMOTO EXCHANGE IN
UNCLEAR BUT COULD BE PLOY BY BRAZIL TO KEEP PRESSURE
ON FRG TO FURNISH AS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AS POSSIBLE.
EMBASSY VERIFIED SUBSTANCE OF PRESS REPORTS THROUGH
CONVERSATION WITH KOSUKE YAMAMOTO, DIRECTOR, NUCLEAR
INDUSTRY DIVISION, MITI. YAMAMOTO VOLUNTEERED INFO THAT HE
HAD ACCOMPANIED UEKI ON VISIT TO TOKAI-MURA FEBRUARY
5. WHEN ASKED, YAMAMOTO STATED THAT UEKI WAS SHOWN
SPENT FUEL REPROCESSING PLANT.
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